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EDITORIALS

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Surely few counties in America can boast of more real progress in a generation than our own Appomattox! In the early 1930's, we sank to an economic level threatening the health, the subsidence and morale of countless families. A few more years of "laissez faire" in Washington, and we would have gone under. When you rape a standard of living, you open the door to communism, and worse.

But thanks to a REAL program geared to the true needs of rural America, we have come back! From the Slough of Despair to the Age of Mechanized, Profitable Farming, we have come; and we shall not forget.

And we are not yet through! We have more to do! We refuse to call the job done until:

Farmers reach a standard of living on a par with urban dwellers.

Until farmers have telephones.

Until farmers have more widespread electric service.

Until hard top roads reach to the farm gate.

Until the farmer's boy and girl ha the best in educational opportunity.

There must be optimism and determination; resolution and steadfastness on the farm. The slickers will still take us for a ride any hour they can get by with it. The farmers must have the pluck and the skill to wage war for a standard of living. That means schools and roads and conveniences, and mechanization, and security.

Some timid souls, now that we have come so far, s... ready to go in a hole and bury the talents we have. But the race is only begun! There is work to do: vast new adventures in rural living standards, awaiting the brave of heart.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

AIN'T WHAT WE WAS

(From Zion's Herald, Boston)

The brilliant new president of Brandeis University, Dr. Abram L. Sachar, tells of a benediction offered by a Negro who had been attending an interracial conference. The Negro quoted the following prayer from his unlettered grandfather: "Lord, we ain't what we want to be; Lord, we ain't what we outgha be; and Lord, we ain't what we gonna be. But, Lord, we's thankful that we ain't what we was."

The profundity of the prayer speaks for itself. It is a prayer that could be used by the United Nations. It could be used by a group of youngsters attending a summer camp; it could be used by a college graduate or, indeed, by any person who defies fatalism.

One of the most important factors often neglected by religionists is that of fundemental change. The social and personal questions that beset us often become ends in themselves; or we fail to note the results of man's continuing crusade for righteousness. There is a fundamental optimism native to the religionists that must not be lost. Sometimes let us honestly and reverently bow our heads and thank God that "we ain't what we was."

WHERE ARE THE VOTERS!

(An Editorial from the Hanover Herald Progress)

We ask ourselves this question, as we have asked ourselves following every important election in recent years: Where are the voters!

The recent primaries produced the most bitterly contested and most interesting contest in the last two decades in Virginia. Four able candidates fought it out on every conceivable issue beginning early in the year and running down to the last minute before the polls opened. Most of the candidates were well organized. The newspapers and radio were filled with the orators of the candidates and their friends.

This was also a double primary. There was a contest in the Republican ranks and the little band of the faithful that votes consistently Republican in State as well as national affairs had opportunity to go to the polls. It was good voting weather, not too hot nor too cold, nor did it rain.

And yet in Hanover County only 2,022 qualified voters went to the polls. This was a fairly sizeable vote for Hanover compared with other closely contested elections, but a very small percentage of what might have gone to the polls.

If the voting record in some of the Northern States were used as a guide, Hanover County might well have polled from 7,000 to 8,000 votes. It has never done one-third of that.

Of course the poll tax may have something to do with it, but not everything. There were 3,888 persons in Hanover who were qualified in so far as paying their poll taxes is concerned, and since there were admittedly some omissions in this list we may say there were about 1,900 who have paid the necessary $1.50 for the privilege of voting and then did nothing about it.

We often wonder what sort of people these people are who never vote. Possibly they say to themselves, "Oh we never go in for this sort of thing" and feel very virtuous about it, or perhaps they say, "Oh politics are crooked. I don't want any part of it." Or "What difference would my little vote make?"

The real reason whatever it is they say or think is a fundemental apathy and indifference. They are too lazy mentally to keep themselves advised on what their government is doing and who runs it; they do not understand what the issues of the day are. They pay their taxes because they must but otherwise they are political ciphers.

That doesn't stop them from complaining about the government. Whenever they run against the law in some fashion or other; whenever they pay their taxes; whenever prices of what they sell go down or what they buy go up, or whenever there occurs a national crisis that affects them, they complain about the government without realizing that this is their government and that they made it what it is by allowing it to be.

In some nations, New Zealand notably, every citizen is required to vote, is fined for staying away from the polls unless he has a legitimate reason. This is a most attractive idea. A large vote would not necessarily be a more intelligent or a juster one. But the very process of voting is an education to the voter, and a more educated and alert citizenry is a safer foundation for democracy.

Delegate E. O. McCue to seek place in state senate vacated by John S. Battle.

University of Virginia plans new hospital for children.

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Senator Byrd plans annual picnic for apple growers.

Lynchburg Cardinals lose two to Norfolk Tars.

SCRIPTURE: Psalms 8; 19:1-4; 65:9-13.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Job 37:14-24.

Singing, Shining

Lesson for August 21, 1949

EVERY ATOM of the universe, said Calvin, sparkles with the glory of God. That is our thought for this week: In the created universe we can see the God who is more wonderful than all his works. The selected Psalms express four different aspects of God's creative power. Psalm 8 brings out the dignity and the glory of man, made to be master of the earth: Psalm 19: listens to the majestic music of sun and stars: Psalm 65:9-13 sees nature as a farmer sees it, in terms of sun, rain and crops: Psalm 104, one of the noblest poems in existence, celebrates God's glory in all things great and small.

Dr. Foreman

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Mystery

THESE inspired Psalmists saw a high truth: Nature is for man's use, in part, but has also a value, a beauty and a splendor all its own; and it is one of the ways by which we can know God. What is true of nature is true, far more, of the God who created all things. One of the thoughts suggested to their minds was the mystery of nature.

Even today, with all that science has discovered, there is mystery in the most elemental facts of existence. What is light? What is life? What is energy? Where did it come from and what is the destiny of it all?

A common grass blade performs miracles that chemistry has not yet initiated. The mystery of nature suggests the deeper mystery of nature's God.

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Power

WE ARE beginning now to realize, even better than the Psalmists could, how much energy there is in nature. We have seen tragic evidence of the atom's power. Now we have also found that while energy cannot be destroyed, it cannot be created by us, though it constantly changes form.

As the water in a power station which has run through a turbine will not climb back up to turn the turbine again, so the whole universe (they tell us) is in the process of running down.

But how was the universe born, how was energy born, in the first place? How was the universe, so to speak, wound up? Science does not profess to know; but religious answers by faith: In the beginning, God . . .

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Blacksburg to investigate an outbreak of dog poisonings.

Cox talks for southern mines are resumed.

Beauty

THE writer of Psalm 104 was well aware that some parts of nature are useless to man; but he rejoiced in them none the less. Few of his neighbors had any use for whales, for example, but he takes delight in the whale (he calls him Leviathan) just playing in the ocean. St. Augustine, in the same mood, says somewhere about things like wasps and spiders that if we could forget that they bite, we would be greatly awed by their beauty and the perfection of their mechanism. Indeed, St. Augustine, in one of his prayers, calls God "Pulchritudo." Beauty. Just as God is The Truth and The Good, so he is The Beautiful.

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Law

THE writers of these nature Psalms (especially 19 and 65) were impressed by another fact about nature: its regularity. You can count on the sunrise, you always know which order the seasons will follow. Even things like earthquakes and tornadoes, which seem pretty unpredictable, follow laws of their own. Science has now shown this to be true on a cosmic scale. The stuff of which the farthest stars are made is just the same (only a lot hotter) as the stuff in the rocks under your feet at this minute.

The laws that govern the fall of a leaf or the shape of raindrop are the same laws that can be seen in the whirling of star-dust fifty million light years away.

The Creator of all is not erratic, eccentric or capricious. He is the God of Law, for he is his infinite Mind come all the patterns, known to us or yet unknown, by which the vast fabric of the universe is woven. Mystery, Power, Beauty, Law: All nature, not only the stars, shines with all these—and as Addison says,

"Forever singing as they shine,
The hand that made us is divine."

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Phone 30 with Personals.

Norfolk resident killed in wreck in Maryland.

OCCIDENTAIL ORIENTATION

(From St. Louis Star Times)

News Note: Dr. Christian A. Volf, founder of the International Hearing Institute, says babies and intoxicated persons can walk eastward better than westward, and that intoxicated persons will peacefully enter a station wagon facing east, but not one facing west.

He is not drunk who facing west
Can rise alone upon request.
But drunk is he who facing east
Cannot stand motionless at least.

On streets that are the best policed
The paddy wagons all head east,
For drunks are bound to fight arrest
When asked to enter toward the west.

The babe who has just left his nest
Had better crawl when going west,
Until his shakiness has ceased,
He'd better toddle toward the east.

How can a babe in diapers dressed
Know which direction is the west?
Until his years have much increased
He'd better stick to walking east.

Advice to all in every station:
Be sure to check the earth's rotation.

FLIES TROUBLESOME IN SHEEP FLOCKS

Flies - not hot weather - make life miserable for sheep.

The modern meat-wool sheep is an easy mark for flies, says George Litton, associate animal husbandman at V. P. I., and flock owners must keep a watchful eye on sheep this summer.

"Look for the sheep that trail the flock," he says. "It is always the straggler that needs attention."

"Smear 62" is the best remedy for fly-strike, Litton says. One application to magnot infested areas usually is all that is needed. The smear is a combination naggot destroyer and fly repellent developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is available in several commercial forms.

As for hot weather, a little shade and plenty of drinking water are all that is needed to help sheep maintain near body temperature on even the hottest day, Litton said.

New York reports a 50 per cent drop in polio cases.

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Philadelphia Eagles defeat the College All-Stars in football game.

SCOTT WINS SOIL SAVING CONTEST

APPOMATTOX BOY THIRD

Otis Scott, Prospect, has been named the winner of this year's Thomas B. Patterson soil conservation contest for Negro farmers in Virginia.

E. W. Mundie, Blacksburg, administrative officer, State Soil Conservation Committee, who made the announcement, said Scott will receive a $100 state prize, and will be Virginia representative at the soil conservation "Jamboree" to be held August 19, in Hancock County, Georgia. Scott will compete for regional honors there against winners from 10 other states.

Other Virginia winners are Nathaniel Adams, Sycamore, second; Lloyd Forest, Appomattox, third; the Rev. R. L. A. Reid, Dinwiddie, fourth. They will receive a $75 savings bond each.

Judging is based on how well soil conservation plans have been put into practice on contestant's farm.

Jersey Joe Walcott wins bout in Sweden.

British woman flier scores Canadian authorities.

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Richwood

Richwood, August 16.- Divine services at Central Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Wallace W. F. Woodall visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Joy, Jr., of Richmond are spending two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Fleshman and Mr. and Mrs. E. Joy, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell and grandson, James Allen were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fleshman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh, of Rocks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter, of Roanoke were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pugh, of Amherstville were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Rev. Harvey Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mayberry and family were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleshman Sunday evening.

Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis were the dinner guests of Miss Estelle Wooldridge on last Sunday.

Thomas Odor and Perc; Odor spent Monday with W. C. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pugh, Mrs. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis, were the Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Nash and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chap Nash and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Percy Fleshman Monday afternoon.

Thomas Guill and son, Duvall Guill were in Lynchburg on business today.

Mrs. Randolph Marsh and daughter, Annette, and Vernon Page spent last Friday for Norfolk, after spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mrs. Henry Fleshman was taken to a Lynchburg hospital Monday for treatment.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Holland, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Nash.

Clarkson and Nathan Powell were in Lynchburg Monday on business.

Rocks News

Rocks, August 15.- The ladies have a busy last week canning peaches.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder spent the week-end at Williamsburg with their daughter, [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh and daughter were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh recently.

Vernon Marsh returned to his home at Norfolk Sunday, after visiting quite awhile here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children went to New Hope Church Sunday night to attend the revival service.

Mrs. Agnes Fleshman and children on Thursday with her brothers, Percy, Wiley and Winston Ransom.

Misses Toby Inge and Audre: Dale and Mrs. D. R. Inge were visiting Robert Roach and Rodney on Sunday.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, August 16.- Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter are on a two-week vacation. They will visit relatives in Roanoke, Richmond, and other points.

Miss Jean Calloway, of Lynchburg spent a few days last week with Misses Eulalia and Elnora Glover.

Mrs. W. S. Farrar, of Petersburg has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Jennings.

Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son, Donald Wayne have returned home and both are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Carter and son, C. F., Jr., of Keysville, and Mrs. Hazel Couch, of Richmond, spent the day Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, who is making her home with her sister, Mrs. T. T. Evans, is visiting relatives in Crewe this week.

Miss Peggie White, of Lynchburg is spending two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Mrs. Howard Glover and three daughters, Misses Eulalia, Elnora, and Bessie Ann spent the week-end in Lynchburg visiting relatives.

James Evans spent Sunday with his wife and daughter, in Roanoke and Catawba.

Mrs. Mattie Robertson, of Alexandria spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Mrs. Dan Clapp and daughter, of Richmond spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle.

Those who called to see Mrs. Eddie Warriner recently were the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey and daughter, Phyllis, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans and Mrs. Jennie Johnson. Also her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith and son, Freddie, from Alexandria are spending two weeks with them.

D. J. Ferguson, from Lynchburg is spending this week with Mrs. Howard Glover and family.

German voters show a trend to conservative parties.

Greeks claim Rebels are beaten in the Vitsi area.

Stonewall

Stonewall, August 16.- We are all so thankful for the nice rain we have had. Everything was suffering. Let's hope it will be cooler.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R Turnes are on a vacation fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson were dinner guests of his sister, Mrs. Jim Robertson and her family at Spout Spring Sunday.

Virgil Carson, of Roanoke, has returned home after a week's visit with his brother, Lester and his family. Virgil is improving from a recent illness.

Mrs. Lee Wheeler has returned home after a visit in Roanoke with her son, Joe and family, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and sons, Joe, Jr. and Tommie, and Aubrey Lee Burnette, of Roanoke, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Rev. and Mrs. G. Edward Hughes and daughter, Mary Frances, are spending their vacation with their parents in Richmond and Norfolk. Rev. Harwood will fill his pulpits while he is away.

The young folks of the Bethel Church had a picnic at Holiday Lake last Saturday evening. It was well attended.

The W. S. C. S. of the Bethel Church will meet with Mrs. S. E Anderson today.

Rev. D. M. Spence preached and held the baptismal services at Bethel Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings and family had a picnic dinner at Holliday Lake Sunday.

Seventy-three year old German laywer likely to head the new West German State.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Aug. 16.- Rev. A. S. Glaz and Miss Martha Kabler, of Rustburg were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robertson Sunday. Rev. Gear preached at Old Concord Church Sunday morning.

President of Syria is shot.

Grand jury refuses to indict Accomack County special officer in the death of Maryland fisherman.

Virginia fire chiefs hold meeting in Farmville.

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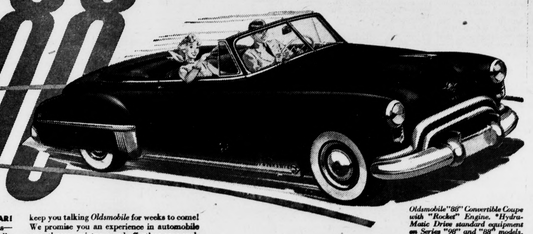

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